



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Potato Harvest Progresses

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from one to eight degrees below normal for the week. All 24 stations reported some precipitation. Every station is still below normal for precipitation since March 1, so the rain was welcomed. For the week ending September 30, major agricultural activities included caring for livestock, fall soil preparation, planting winter wheat, and harvesting hay, apples, dry beans, onions, sugarbeets, and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture increased to 14% very short, 63% short, 23% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, the potato harvest is ahead of normal at 48% harvested. Apples are fifty percent harvested. The Nez Perce County extension educator reported the weekend rain halted planting temporarily. Blaine County reported their first snow for the season. Bonneville County reported below freezing temperatures pretty much ended plant growth for the year. The Franklin County extension educator reports that the corn harvest continues with very good yields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and Pasture conditions improved again, but still show 64% either poor or very poor. Statewide the third cutting of alfalfa hay is 95% complete, while fourth cutting is at 76% complete. Caribou County reports cattle are still out on the range, but some are starting to be gathered because the grass is running short already.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2007	2006	Avg.
Onions Harvested	89	67	73
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	8	15	5
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	83	86	76
Dry Beans Harvested	91	90	87
Alfalfa Hay 4th cutting Harvested	76	82	68

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	2	2	18	72	6
Irr. Water Supply	23	33	33	11	--
Range & Pasture	21	43	33	3	--

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	33	28	28	60	69	65	71	48	60	70	64	63	53	46	47
Emerged	--	2	2	27	23	21	24	10	17	29	25	24	15	13	13
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	16	--	2	9	15	11	11	8	8	11	12	9
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	98	84	86	63	39	41	38	26	27	48	33	35
Alfalfa Hay															
3 rd cutting Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	100	100	100	88	88	83	95	95	93

Avg (2002 - 2006); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 30, 2007 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	75	38	53	-5	0.14	-0.13	6.45	-4.99	3968	2212	86
Grangeville	81	31	52	-2	0.60	0.18	12.32	-3.08	3782	2044	462
Lewiston	86	39	59	-1	0.05	-0.13	3.40	-3.61	5357	3336	544
Porthill	69	33	50	-2	0.02	-0.26	8.20	-1.95	3747	2003	363
Winchester	75	30	48	-4	0.41	0.06	8.39	-6.32	3177	1559	470
Southwest											
Boise	83	37	55	-4	0.08	-0.09	3.58	-2.42	4990	3009	346
Emmett	82	37	55	-3	0.13	-0.04	3.70	-2.23	4948	3038	482
Glenns Ferry	81	31	53	-5	0.07	-0.03	3.69	-0.88	5101	3161	592
Grandview	81	29	53	-6	0.02	-0.11	2.23	-1.73	4999	3028	186
Nampa	78	37	54	-4	0.04	-0.10	3.74	-1.39	4949	2979	311
Parma	80	36	55	-2	0.01	-0.13	3.21	-2.41	5086	3095	594
South Central											
Fairfield	74	20	45	-7	0.02	-0.12	2.21	-4.45	3248	1664	213
Malta	77	22	47	-8	0.16	0.02	5.61	-1.65	3888	2156	161
Picabo	74	23	48	-4	0.31	0.17	2.13	-4.03	3965	2249	677
Rupert	78	27	49	-6	0.12	-0.02	3.60	-1.65	4123	2323	275
Twin Falls	79	28	50	-5	0.16	0.02	2.76	-2.61	4426	2567	614
East											
Aberdeen	74	28	48	-5	0.12	-0.07	5.00	-0.61	3969	2220	499
Ashton	71	31	46	-5	0.23	-0.05	4.81	-6.02	3417	1804	481
Fort Hall	77	32	50	-4	0.23	0.02	4.92	-2.33	3974	2240	290
Idaho Falls	73	31	48	-5	0.38	0.19	2.34	-4.29	3907	2174	351
Lava Hot Springs	74	29	47	-7	0.19	-0.02	6.04	-1.21	3913	2207	257
Montevideo	72	27	47	-5	0.29	0.15	2.84	-3.42	3531	1855	140
Preston	75	28	50	-5	0.06	-0.22	7.32	-1.46	4342	2565	518
Rexburg	73	30	48	-4	0.24	0.03	3.89	-4.24	3652	1943	529

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.